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BULGARIA'S "STALIN" DAM

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Work is proceeding on the new Iskur River bed, through which the water will flow when the "Stalin" Dam is erected.

A concrete factory will be built on the left slope of the dam. An installation for sifting gravel is being built at the level of the river bed at the right side of the dam. The sifted gravel will be sent to the concrete factory on conveyor belts. The unsifted gravel will be shipped out on a narrow-gauge railroad line. The machine and carpenter shops are also located near the dam. Day and night, a cement mixer sends cement and a blower sends fresh air into the tunnel which is under construction nearby [near Pasarsel?].

The tunnel which is being dug from three sides, has progressed 200 meters and has an opening 10 meters in diameter. At the middle of the tunnel, a scaffold supported by re-enforcing beams has been set up. Rails have been laid on the planks of the scaffold, and trolleys pushed by workers move on them.

The farthest corner of the tunnel where the main digging is going on, is called the "Korean front" by the workers. Due to the disintegration of the rock layers the pressure is so great that the diggers sometimes have to change the supporting beams twice in 24 hours.

The project is under the constant supervision of the Soviet specialists.

The following sketch shows the location of the "Stalin" Dam and the canals.

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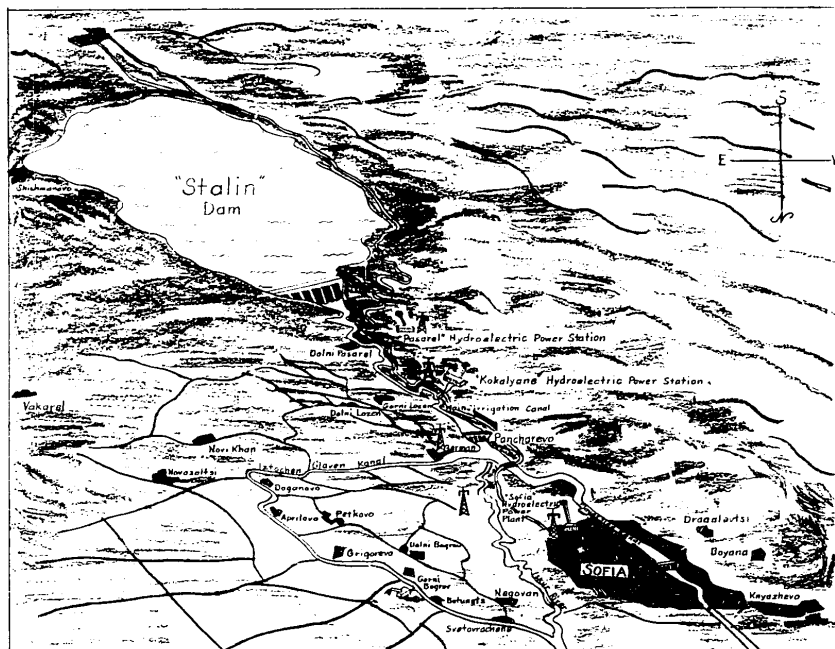
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